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SUBJECT: PDRY DEMAND FOR U.S. EMBASSY PROPERTY IN ADEN

REF: STATE 106164

1. DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN INFORMED BY U.K. EMBASSY THAT
PROTEST NOTE (REF) HAS BEEN DELIVERED TO PDRY MFA BUT
THAT BRITISH REPRESENTATIVES WILL NOT BE ABLE TO SEE
SHADLI UNTIL SATURDAY, APRIL 29. WE HAVE ALSO BEEN
INFORMED THAT MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS INTENDS TO
PROCEED WITH TAKEOVER OF BUILDING SAME MORNING. THE
BRITISH HAVE BEEN TOLD THAT THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS
REPRESENTATIVES WILL MAKE AN OFFER FOR MOVABLE PROPERTY

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IN THE BUILDING AT THAT TIME. APPARENTLY IF THE BRITISH
DO NOT ACCEPT THE OFFER THE PROPERTY WILL BE TRANSFERRED
TO A GOVERNMENT WAREHOUSE AND STORED.

2. THE BASIS OF OUR PROTEST WAS THE PEREMPTORY NATURE OF
THE PDRY TAKEOVER OF OUR BUILDING. THE PDRY'S REFUSAL TO
ALLOW U.K. SUFFICIENT TIME TO MAKE FORMAL REPRESENTATION

ON OUR BEHALF REINFORCES OUR EARLIER CONTENTION.SINCE WE
HAVE NOT RECOGNIZED THE PDRY'S DEMAND FOR OUR PROPERTY,
WE FIND IT DIFFICULT TO ACCEDE TO ANY ATTEMPT TO SELL
MOVABLE PROPERTY WITHIN.

3. EMBASSY LONDON IS THEREFORE INSTRUCTED TO ASK THE
BRITISH TO CONVEY TO PDRY THE POINTS CONTAINED PARA 2
AND, FURTHER, TO INSIST THAT THE MOVABLE PROPERTY BE
TRANSFERRED TO A GOVERNMENT WAREHOUSE. VANCE

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